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of Corrections that I think we should take a look at. And if you agree with me in my amendment on this wording, would leave them, leave the Department with \$500,000, actually it's more than \$500,000, but it would leave them with the money back in programming, and would only cut them the \$500,000 in.. that they would have to take out of this programming that was just mentioned in this letter of Director Clarke's. What it would do is they have a program out there called "The Community Justice". It's not a program that works directly with inmates. It is a program that has to do with community programs, and it is...it's a grant program. Now here's the reason that I'm saying we should consider this. The money that it costs us to run that program is \$5,045,000 a year. Out of that, they use \$275,000 of it to give to grants to communities to do community justice. Now we could go on all afternoon, but I will just tell you that most of these programs do not follow the main crux of what the community justice was meant to do in the first place, and that was to keep adult...defer adult offenders from entering the prison system. If you've got \$275,000 of money that you're giving in grants, where does the rest of it go? Well, I can tell you that the rest of it is what they're using to administer the \$275,000. So if you've got \$500,000 and you're administering \$275,000 of it in grants, that means you're using \$225,000 of it to administer the grants. I'm just suggesting to you that by moving in this direction, by having them take this program that would be...you'd be able to have more money to work on the educational programs with the people that are directly under their care. So for comparison purpose, I'll tell you that the Nebraska Crime Commission, out of \$10 million to \$12 million in grant money, they utilize \$157,000 for salaries. Now they've got \$10 million to \$12 million, not \$275,000, and they use \$157,000. So I just see that there is a waste of money here, and I see it's just para...it's paramount that we keep this money in programming for the inmates. We are doing a very poor job now with the preparing these people to get along when they get out of prison and to make a go of it. With that, I'm asking you for your support and will try and answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING